



Chelsea Reads Together

One Book One Community

Read, think, talk, listen, grow: The Middle East
A Chelsea District Library and One World One Family Partnership

Each of these books offer a unique look at the complex, but fascinating, history and culture of the Middle East. Pick up your copy today at the Chelsea District Library, Cranesbill Books or Serendipity Paperback Book Exchange!

The Kite Runner

By **Khaled Hosseini** (Recommended for adults)



"This is one of those unforgettable stories that stays with you for years. All the great themes of literature and of life are the fabric of this extraordinary novel: love, honor, guilt, fear, redemption... It is so powerful that for a long time everything I read after seemed bland."

-Author Isabel Allende

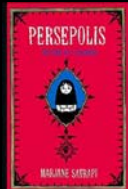
"A powerful book ...an intimate account of family and friendship, betrayal and salvation."

-Washington Post Book World

Persepolis

by **Marjane Satrapi**

(Recommended for adults and mature high school)



"Odds are, you'll be too busy being entertained to realize how much you've learned until you turn the last

-Elle.com

In a graphic novel format, the child of committed Marxists and the great-granddaughter of one of Iran's last emperors, Satrapi tells the story of her childhood Tehran, years that saw the overthrow of the Shah's regime, the triumph of the Islamic Revolution, and the devastating effects of war with Iraq — a wise and funny memoir.

Habibi

By **Naomi Shihab Nye** (Recommended for ages 10 & up)



"Nye's climactic ending will leave readers pondering, long after the last page is turned, why Arabs, Jews, Greeks and Armenians can no longer live in harmony the way they once did."

Publisher's Weekly

The story of a young girl who unwillingly moves from her comfortable St. Louis home to her father's homeland in Jerusalem...and experiences culture shock and a pleasant surprise!

Now that you've read the book (or books), why not join your neighbors for an informal discussion? All events are free and held at the library's temporary location, 500 Washington, unless noted.

Book Discussions

Pizza & A Book: Persepolis

Led by Barb Alpern and Rachel Severin
Wed., Feb. 23 @ 7 pm

Dessert & Discussion: The Kite Runner

Led by Cathy Buehner and Nancy Howard
Wed, March 2 @ 7pm

Dessert & Discussion: Habibi

For all ages—Mon., March 7 @ 7 pm

Pizza & a Book: Habibi

For youth/teens—Wed., March 9 @ 6 pm

Special Events

Multicultural Film Night

Fri., Feb. 4 @ 7 pm

True Algerian Stories from the Great-Granddaughter of the Emir: Award-winning

Storyteller Badria Jazairi tells the story of her ancestor who was called the "poet-warrior" by *National Geographic*
Sat., Feb. 12 @ 11 am (ages 14 and up)

Discussion: fjklsdjfks

Thurs., Feb. 10/16 @ 7 pm

meet Author Naomi Shihab Nye



"Arab American writer Naomi Shihab Nye sows the seeds of peace."

Award-winning poet and author, Naomi Shihab Nye will talk about her book, "Habibi," her experiences as an Arab American, and international understanding.

Held at the WSEC auditorium, 500 Washington St. Booksigning will follow. Call 734.475.8732 for more information.

Monday, March 14, 7:30 pm
A "must see" event for all ages!



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